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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: DATA TRANSMISSION IN PIPELINE SYSTEMS
being a Continuation-in-Part of PCT International
Application No. PCT/GB00/02538 filed June 30, 2000
Inventors: Steven Martin HUDSON and Daniel JOINSON

Dear Sirs:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a **Continuation-in-Part** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/GB00/02538 filed June 30, 2000 which claimed priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 9915968.3, filed July 7, 1999, Great Britain Patent Application No. 9924027.7, filed October 11, 1999, and Great Britain Patent Application No. 0100107.2, filed January 3, 2001.

1. Application 44 pages, including 11 independent claims and 36 claims total.
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Drawings 6 sheets of drawings containing 10 figures.
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to FLIGHT REFUELLING LIMITED.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 5 documents attached.
7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	36	-	20	16	x \$18	288.00
Independent Claims	11	-	3	8	x \$84	672.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 1700.00

8. A check for \$1740.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee;
\$960.00 additional claims fee; and
\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Great Britain Patent Application No. 9915968.3, filed July 7, 1999, Great Britain Patent Application No. 9924027.7, filed October 11, 1999, and Great Britain Patent Application No. 0100107.2, filed January 3, 2001.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Sincerely,
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